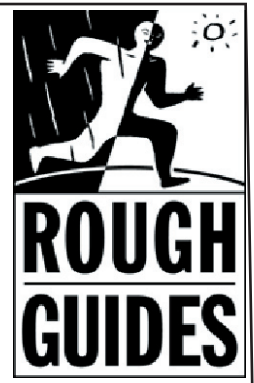


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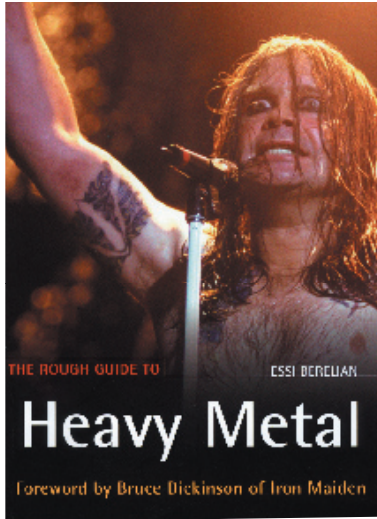
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# The Rough Guide to Heavy Metal

by Essi Berelian

Foreword by Bruce Dickinson of Iron Maiden



Ozzy Osbourne's popular TV show proves that heavy metal has met a more mainstream audience and the number of fans continues to grow. The Rough Guide to Heavy Metal (Rough Guides, September 2005) is the definitive guide to every dark star and bright supernova of the heavy metal universe, with an exclusive forward by Iron Maiden's Bruce Dickinson.

Acknowledging that rock and metal have shared roots, author Essi Berelian has selected a mind-warpingly eclectic group of artists for inclusion in this A to Z style book. Never thought you'd see Motley Crue, Ted Nugent and Nine Inch Nails separated by but pages? That day has come. Here is the history of metal in all its flavors and guises, as told through its makers.

## MEET THE MAKERS, from A-Z, including:

Accept — ACDC — Aerosmith — AFI — Agent Steel — Alacatrazz — Alice Cooper — Alice in Chains  
Alien Ant Farm... The Wildhearts — Zakk Wylde — Y&T — Rob Zombie/White Zombie — ZZ Top

### Highlights include:

- Career biographies of more than 300 bands and artists from Norway to North Hollywood. From the more classic stylings of Black Sabbath and Led Zeppelin to modern metalheads like The Darkness and Linkin Park, critical discographies are included for every entry.
- Coverage of every breed of leather-clad sub-genre, from death metal to glam, Christian metal to speed metal, thrash to Southern rock. Name your poison; it's in these pages.
- Feature boxes on the best guitar solos, drum performances, metal movies, album artwork, ballads, riffs, cover versions and more.
- Hundreds of illustrations, including pictures from the best metal photographers, concert shots and album covers.

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### Drummer Jokes

In the world of metal, drummers traditionally come in for a lot of stick (excuse the pun) and often find themselves the object of ridicule...and who are we to argue? Here are some of the best drummer-bashing jokes around...

Q. "Why do bands need roadies?"

A. "To translate what the drummer says."

Q. "What's the difference between a drum machine and a drummer?"

A. "You only have to punch the information into the drum machine once."

Q. "How is a drum solo like a sneeze?"

A. "You can tell it's coming, but there's nothing you can do about it."

Q. "What's the difference between a drummer and a vacuum cleaner?"

A. "One of them you have to plug in before it sucks."

Q. "What do you call a drummer who breaks up with his girlfriend?"

A. "Homeless."

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